

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF RICHLAND
1 BRIDGE STREET, PULASKI, NY

DATE: June 11,2019

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting

PLACE: Grand Jury Room, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Pulaski, NY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Dan Krupke
Councilman Kern Yerdon
Councilman Allen Goodsell
Councilwoman Sue Haynes
Councilwoman Donna Gilson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CEO/ZEO John Howland
Highway Superintendent John Fox
Town Residents William and Rose McVicker
Dustin Clark from B&L, Jamie Foster
Town Attorney, Graham Seiter
Town Clerk, Millie Newcomb

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Krupke leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: a Public Hearing for the Time Warner /Spectrum Contract. With no comments from the residents, a motion to close the Public hearing was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE". 6:07

pm. A motion to accept the agreement with Time Warner Cable was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. With no discussion, the motion was passed in a roll call vote by all members with a vote of "AYE".

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public comment will be in the Hager Drive Updates.

HAGER DRIVE UPDATES: The Survey of the Hager Drive property is complete. Superintendent Fox has taken pictures of all the markers. The results of the survey is the property to the North is on the money , the property to the south where the fence, the fence is 3 feet over on the

Towns Property. Attorney Caraccoli plans to have the summons complaint drafted and out to be signed by the end of the month. He also had a conversation with County Attorney Mitchell. The County is in full support of the Towns ownership of the property at the end of Hager Drive. Still moving forward. A property owner would like to know if there will be any adjustments to the fence that is on Town property. Mr. Krupke would like to deal with one issue at a time.

WATER UPDATES: Flushing the hydrants is in process. It's been quiet.

ZONING AND CODE REPORTS: List of Building and Zoning Permits issue in the last month. A list of violations also is included. A spreadsheet was presented to the Board. On it, are the names and list of notices that have been sent to the owners, compliance dates, violations, arrangements for clean ups or extensions and last, the recommendations. CEO/ZEO recommends for the Town Attorney to send letters out to some of the abandoned properties and habitual violators. Some of the letters that have been sent out, most of the properties are cleaned up or have asked for an extension until September. Planning and Zoning Boards are busy working on making some updates to the new laws.

B&L: Dustin Clark is here to give an update to the Board about the progress of the new joint water district with Sandy Creek. Moving on to design Town should have an updated report soon. There are 3 CSX crossing encroachments to get through. Each one of the crossings has a separate fee, application and permit. 2 of the three B&L has heard back on. One of the application fees is for \$8000. The Town will be responsible for paying. DEC and Army Corp permits have been submitted. All resources have been put toward the flood relief efforts so they are running behind. There are not many easements in the Town of Richland but Sandy Creek has several hundred. Project financing there are a few new developments. Short term financing through EFC is interest free financing for the construction funds is set to close in June or July all through Sandy Creek, but the good news is Rural Development, if the Board remembers offered a loan/grant package and EFC also offered a loan/grant package and from what they said previously that they couldn't apply both packages. Eric Johnson really wants this project to happen so they have indicated is that the Town can use the \$ 3million dollar grant from the State, the \$2.5 million grant from Rural Development and close with balance with a loan from Rural Development which is a poverty rate of 2.75% . Then the other loan is the interest free loan with EFC then in a month later refinance that into EFC. It sounds very complicated, it is very complicated but what it means is 2 things, we get \$2.5 million more grant for the project. Mr. Clark is excited and can't wait to see how it all shakes out. It's going to be much better for everyone involved. This is more complex, and more costs associated with the project. He has also recommended to Sandy Creek to bring on a financial advisor as there is just too much going on with the project. There maybe about \$150,000 in extras in the project with the extras in Contractor, engineering, legal and bonding. It will be all worth it. Hopefully to start the project this year. Mr Clark was very pleased with the news that Rural Development

and EFC were on Board with the project. This typically does not happen. They really like this project.

DOG REPORT: No report. Just a few problems with dogs at large. The Town Clerk's Office set a copy of the Dog law to the resident. Supervisor Krupke did speak to the Town of Sandy Creek about the Intermunicipal agreement for Dog Control. It's a "work in progress". Councilman Yerdon is wondering about the shared equipment. Town Clerk Newcomb hasn't heard much about that but will find out from DCO Dunn

HIGHWAY REPORT: Rain.. At this time the Highway Department has delivered over 17,000 sand bags to residents along the River and Lake. No damage has been done to any Town owned properties . At this time, the highway crews have been working on ditching and culverts. Mr. Fox is waiting on paving. Hoping that fuel prices go down. Last payment will be made on one of the plow trucks in 2020. If an order was done today, the town would not see it until 2021. Mr Fox has the order ready. The cost has gone up a little bit, but there will be another increase in September. The \$40,000 lost from the state will make things a bit tight but per Mr. North. The good thing is that if the truck is ordered, the Town can back out of the deal. There is a need for these trucks and it really wouldn't be a problem. Right now, the Highway Depts oldest truck in 1971 but the best backup plow truck is a 1996. Councilman Yerdon thinks it's probably a good idea to order the truck especially since there is a backout clause. This is state bid through Mac from Onondaga County. The truck cost is \$126,633, the equipment which includes the box, plow and wing is \$89833.00 for a total is \$216,467.00. Payments are about \$40,000 a year for 5 yrs. There is a 8-10% price increase in September. Mr Fox will get the Board the final figures for the next meeting. Next the Haldane Project. Mr Fox met with the Contractor on Monday. Today they brought in 10-15 loads of gravel and it looks like they are there to get things done. The project is due to be completed by the end of August weather providing. Superintendent Fox met with Alycia Smith at the Richland Park. The town highway will remove some of the old tires, and dig the footers and help with Mr. Smith to lay out the playground. Also, there is a waiver for anyone that wants to volunteer with the park. The crew will be ready to help when needed. The Albion solar project is moving forward. There will be a meeting at Scriba with Tony Bush.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: A motion to accept the Supervisors Report for the months of February and March, 2019, as presented was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES/UPDATES: Everything's coming together and they feel they are getting close to finalizing things. Councilwoman Gilson agrees with most things in the Comp Plan but does not agree with the On and Off exits off of Route 81. She

believes the Village needs cars to go through the Village for business' The problem with the Village is the parking. Councilman Yerdon maybe a parking garage would be a nice alternative for extra parking. Somewhere maybe behind the Endzone. Some opportunities have been lost due to no easy on and off. Many people like to get off the highway get fuel and eat and not have to go through a town to get back on the highway. All suggestions and discussions are welcome per Councilwoman Gilson.

HALDANE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES: No minutes

JUSTICE REPORTS: A motion to accept Justice Ridgeways monthly report was made by Councilwoman Gilson and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

WARRANT OF BILLS: A motion to accept abstract #6 of 2019 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded by Councilwoman Gilson. With no discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Town Board Minutes for April 29th and May 14th were presented. A motion was made by Councilwoman Haynes to accept the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Goodsell. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

TOWNCLERK REPORT: A motion to accept the Town Clerks report for May 2019 was made by Councilwoman Haynes and seconded Councilman Goodsell. With no discussion, and in a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE".

CEMETERY UPDATES: Fence damage in Riverside Cemetery. The insurance company has been notified and we are just awaiting bids.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: No report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Councilman Yerdon had a question about the scrap metal moneys collected. The money goes to the Solid Waste fund and if it's not used up goes to the General Fund. Also the CSX railroad crossings are a mess, Legislature Gilson has called repeatedly and has not had a call back. Mr Gilson is on the CNY Planning Board , the Judiciary and the Economic Development Committees.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Copy of the RFP for the Solar Farm on County Route 41. There was a walk through/ Pre bid meeting. There were 6 companies that showed up and a total of 7 companies that have showed interest in the project. Chris Carrick from CNY Regional Planning was there to help answer the technical questions. Complements to Deputy Clerk Julie Peterson for all her hard work into this project. Discussion of the placement of the Solar

panels could hamper with the future plan of the new Highway Garage. NYS Governor announced up to \$300 million in funding available for communities affected by flooding. It's not clear at this time if the funding will be available for Homeowners or strictly for municipalities. It was on Television that some of the support will be coming from Local Government. Supervisor Krupke said that he hasn't heard that but another meeting will be scheduled and he thinks in Oswego this time.

Abundant Solar is moving forward with the project in the Town of Albion.

Councilman Yerdon was at the Fernwood wells recently The gate was open and as he was coming out a vehicle pulled in. He is concerned about the public accessing that area with the wells and generator being up there. He would like it surveyed and secured. If the Board agrees, he would like to give the person that has the right away, a key and put a fence up. Councilman Yerdon would like to look into getting a camera system to put up on our Well Fields. Supervisor Krupke has spoke to Noah from ARC-IT. He may have a few suggestions for this.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: July 9, 2019 at 6:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: With nothing more to discuss with the Board, A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yerdon and seconded by Councilwoman Haynes. In a roll call vote, all were in favor with a vote of "AYE" ADJOURNED 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Millie Newcomb
Town Clerk